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Office Action Summary

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10/602,467

Applicant(s)

SELVAMANICKAM ET AL.

Examiner

Brian K. Talbot

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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1. The amendment filed 5/4/05 has been considered and entered. Claims 1-9 remain in the application.
2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
3. In light of the amendment filed 5/4/05, the 35 USC 102 and 103 rejections have been withdrawn. However, the following rejection has been necessitated by the amendment. The objection to the specification concerning the Title has been withdrawn.
4. In light of the approved Terminal Disclaimer filed 5/4/05, the Double Patenting rejection has been withdrawn.
5. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. Claims 1 and 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Iijima et al. (5,650,378) or Iijima et al. (6,214,772) in combination with Savvides et al. (2004/0168636).

Iijima et al. (5,650,378) teaches a method of making polycrystalline thin film and superconducting oxide body. Coating superconductive materials by sputtering while irradiating the substrate base with ion beams at an oblique angle to the base. The oblique angle being 40-60 degrees (abstract). Iijima et al. (5,650,378) depicts an apparatus in Fig. 7 which details a take-up and wind-up roll (1) where upon a superconductive coating is applied to the substrate on the take-up and wind-up rolls. Figs. 3 and 8 further depict an ion beam generator (13) utilized to modify the coating applied (col. 6, line 60 – col. 8, line 55 and col. 9, line 50 – col. 10, line 30). The substrate can be a variety of materials (col. 2, lines 55-60). The ions are supplied by high frequency in which RF is included.

Iijima et al. (6,214,772) teaches a process of preparing polycrystalline thin film and apparatus therefrom. The superconductive film is applied by depositing coating material while contacting the substrate with ion beam bombardment at an angle of 50-60 degrees (abstract). Apparatus is depicted in Fig. 3, which shows a take-up roll (24) and a wind-up roll (25) to supply the substrate to the coating area for deposition. Argon is utilized to sputter the coating material from target (36) and onto the substrate (A). Ions are supplied from (39) at an angle of 50-60 degrees preferably 55 degrees. Cryo-pump (52) is utilized to maintain the proper pressure for deposition. The ions are supplied by high frequency in which RF is included.

Iijima et al. (5,650,378) or Iijima et al. (6,214,772) fail to teach a dual RF-ion.

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Savvides (2004/0168636) teaches a process and apparatus for producing crystalline thin film buffer layers and structures having biaxial texture. Looking at Fig. 6, a tape (72) travels from a supply roll to a take-up roll while sputtering sources (70) are supplying the superconductive material onto the tape. Ion guns (71) are supplied to assist the deposition. The sources (70) can also be formed by laser ablation [0060]-[0063]. The arrangement is housed in a vacuum chamber (43) as depicted in Fig. 3 (see also [0017] – [0020] and [0031]-[0036]). J_c – critical current can be in the range of 5×10^5 A/cm² and higher (example 10) and thickness fo 100-500 nm.

Therefore it would have been obvious for one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Iijima et al. (5,650,378) or Iijima et al. (6,214,772) process by incorporating a dual RF-ion as evidenced by Savvides (2004/0168636) to obtain the desired advantages associated therewith.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Iijima et al. (5,650,378) or Iijima et al. (6,214,772) in combination with Savvides (2004/0168636) further in combination with Fritzemeier et al. (6,797,313).

Iijima et al. (5,650,378) or Iijima et al. (6,214,772) in combination with Savvides (2004/0168636) fail to teach the take-up and wind-up rolls being outside the coating chamber.

Fritzemeier et al. (6,797,313) depicts a superconducting coating applied to a tape substrate whereby take-up roll (130) and wind-up roll (140) are located outside the coating chamber.

Therefore, it would have been obvious for one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Iijima et al. (5,650,378) or Iijima et al. (6,214,772) in combination

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with Savvides (2004/0168636) process by locating the take-up and wind-up rolls outside the deposition chamber as evidenced by Fritzemeier et al. (6,797,313) with the expectation of achieving similar results.

Claims 3-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Iijima et al. (5,650,378) or Iijima et al. (6,214,772) Iijima et al. (5,650,378) in combination with Savvides (2004/0168636) fail to teach a Kapton substrate and coating more than one substrate simultaneously.

While the Examiner acknowledges this fact, it is the Examiner's position that the type of substrate would be a matter of design choice and would be dependent upon the desired final product. In addition, the references teach a wide variety of substrates and hence, one skilled in the art would have had a reasonable expectation of achieving similar success regardless of the type of substrate utilized. With respect to coating more than one substrate simultaneously, it has been well settled that the mere duplication of parts has been held to be obvious *In Re Harza* 124 USPQ 378.

Response to Amendment


7. Applicant arguments concerning the prior art failing to teach a dual RF-ion source has been met by the citation Savvides (2004/0168636).

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8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian K. Talbot whose telephone number is (571) 272-1428. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 6AM-3PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy H. Meeks can be reached on (571) 272-1423. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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 7/18/05
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